

SEVEN DAYS OF NEWS THE WORLD OVER

War News.

France and Germany have concluded arrangements for the exchange of prisoners of war totally incapacitated for any future military activity and in a few days the repatriation of these men will begin. Swiss hospital trains will be made use of for the transportation of invalids.

French aviators played an important part in the repulse of German troops, who attempted to retake lost ground in the Champagne region. It is announced in official dispatches from Paris.

Servian troops invaded Austrian territory the night of February 20 and 21 near Bjelina, opposite Ratcha, and at Mitrovitz, penetrating from one to four miles across the frontier, according to a dispatch received in Washington.

Germans up to the age of 48 eligible for service with the landstrum troops have been recalled from Switzerland and it is reported those living in other neutral countries also have been directed to join the colors not later than March 3.

Four hundred members of the mutinous Indian regiment which revolted at Singapore February 15 have been killed, as well as seven German prisoners from the detention camp who joined the natives when offered their freedom.

In a formal statement to American press representatives, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, England's best known naval authority, declared Germany will sink no American ship unless she expects to drag the United States into the war. This, Germany is planning to do, he says.

The Regia, a merchant ship, was sunk recently by a German torpedo in the English Channel near Dover. This is the second Norwegian steamer to suffer destruction since Germany declared a blockade on England, beginning February 18.

Under heavy bombardment by German gunners the cathedral at Reims has again suffered severe damage. It is announced in official dispatches from Paris. Twenty civilians have been killed by German shells.

Washington.
Government officials have delved deeper into a second fraudulent passport case, following the arrest and confession of Richard Stegler, a German, that he was about to be sent to England to do spy duty for the German government while masquerading as an American citizen traveling on business.

Senators, representatives, pages and all sorts of clerks at the capitol are suffering from the sneezes. An epidemic of the grip has struck the capitol. Worn out from the recent filibuster on the ship bill, senators are easy victims to cold and grip.

Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston has taken the first step in the plan to make Fort Sam Houston a brigade post by ordering regimental headquarters and four troops of the Fourteenth Cavalry transferred from Fort Clark to Fort Sam Houston.

An "Easter Argosy" with gifts from the boys and girls of America between the "ages of 16 and 60 years" to the children of Belgium will be the next ship sailing under the direction of the Belgium relief fund to Europe.

Five special defense boards are abolished by the War Department orders recently promulgated. The work will hereafter be directed by a general board of review of army officers on detail in Washington.

The Twenty-ninth Infantry has been ordered to the Panama Canal Zone and will sail for Colon about March 15 on the transport Buford. The First and Third battalions are stationed at Fort Porter and Fort Niagara, and the Third at Governor's Island.

To lay before Secretary Bryan a peace petition bearing the names of hundreds of thousands of American school children and pleading for an immediate cessation of the European war, was the object of a recent visit to the State Department of six little Washington school girls.

President Wilson has told the newspapers that he still has hopes for the passage of the Ship Purchase bill. The measure will not be substantially altered, but may undergo minor alterations before it goes to the senate again.

The California Eight-Hour Labor Law for women employed in manufacturing and mercantile establishments, except those in harvesting and canning industries, boarding houses and graduating nurses in hospitals, has been held as constitutional by the United States supreme court.

President Wilson says he has been informed that the captain of the steamer Evelyn, blown up by a mine several days ago, had disobeyed instructions and was out of the course he had been advised to take.

Draping a United States flag over the cashier's windows in the office of the collector of internal revenue at Chicago has stopped the complaints of income tax payers, according to Julius Smietanka, collector of revenues. "It has had the psychological effect desired," Mr. Smietanka said.

That the Rock Island Railroad carried on its books fictitious assets, aggregating millions, was the testimony of Frederick C. Sharood, special examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the hearing by the commission of the company's affairs.

The finest house in America was thrown open to the public recently for the first time. Anyone who had the \$5 to pay for the pleasure could knock at the door at 952 Fifth avenue New York and walk right into ex-Senator William A. Clark's mansion.

Governor Clarke has signed the Mule Repeal Bill which will close all Iowa saloons saloons January 1, 1916.

Examination by the police of what was believed to be a stick of dynamite found in the Japanese exhibit in the Palace of Manufactures at the Panama-Pacific Exposition has disclosed that it was a Japanese toy, according to a statement by the exposition officials.

Thirty-six indicted master plumbers on trial the last two weeks in the federal court at Des Moines for violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, were found guilty. The jury returned a sealed verdict in the night. Nearly all the indicted men are widely known in Iowa.

Although shots are being exchanged at intervals and another Indian was wounded, probably fatally, the posse engaged with the Piutes at Bluff, Utah, are no nearer being able to overpower the renegades than they were a week ago.

Seventy-five students of the Salina, Kas., High School, about half of them girls, were expelled for leaving the school in a body for the purpose of celebrating Washington's birthday.

Richard L. Goode, former judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals, has been appointed dean of the law school of Washington University. He will assume his new duties July 1. Goode formerly lived in Springfield, Mo.

Unwilling to abandon a daughter who was partly paralyzed, William H. Stutzman, 46 years old, with two other members of his family, died with her in flames which destroyed their home in East St. Louis, Ill.

A Polish girl in Sam Harbor, N. Y., has received a letter from her brother, a soldier in East Prussia, in which he promised to desert and join her in America. Across the envelope, evidently written by a censor, was "your brother will not desert. He was taken out and shot this morning."

Billy Sunday paid a tribute to John D. Rockefeller in Philadelphia during his sermon on "Job, the Man of Tribulation and Conquering Faith." Sunday observed that Job was the Rockefeller of his day.

Western Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota were swept by a wind, sleet and snow storm which prostrated telephone and telegraph service in those states recently.

Foreign Affairs.
"To live like a king" is a phrase that no longer signifies in Prussia an enviable height of luxury with plenty of good things to eat and drink. Indeed, the emperor and empress always have eaten simply, in comparison with many wealthy Germans, but the war has made the bills of fare at court still simpler.

The military governor of Strassburg, capital of Alsace-Lorraine, has prohibited the sale or consumption of absinthe. Persons who violate the order will be sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

The German official press bureau announces that it has reports from Rotterdam that nine thousand British sailors in the merchant service have refused to leave port because of the fear of German submarines.

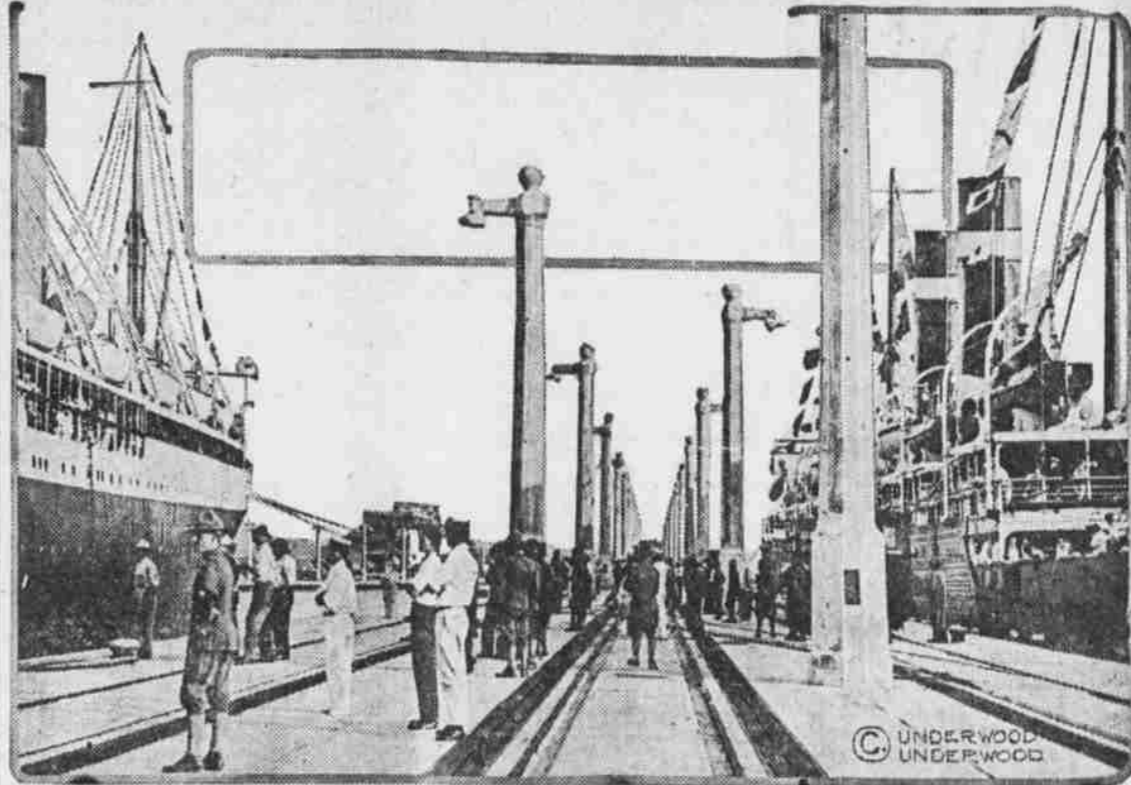
Prince Leopold, the 14-year-old son of King Albert of Belgium, is at the front. When Antwerp was bombarded the royal youth, with his brother and sisters, was sent to England, where they are the guests of Earl Curzon. Since then he has been pestering his father to allow him to go back to Flanders. At last his entreaties have been acceded to.

Treasury bills to the amount of 100 million dollars were offered in London recently. They were over-subscribed in six hours. Part of the issue matures in six months and the remainder in twelve. They sold slightly under par.

Berlin newspapers are displaying interest in the American note presented to the foreign office the evening of February 22, embodying certain informal proposals in the matter of food-stuffs for civilians and of submarine activities.

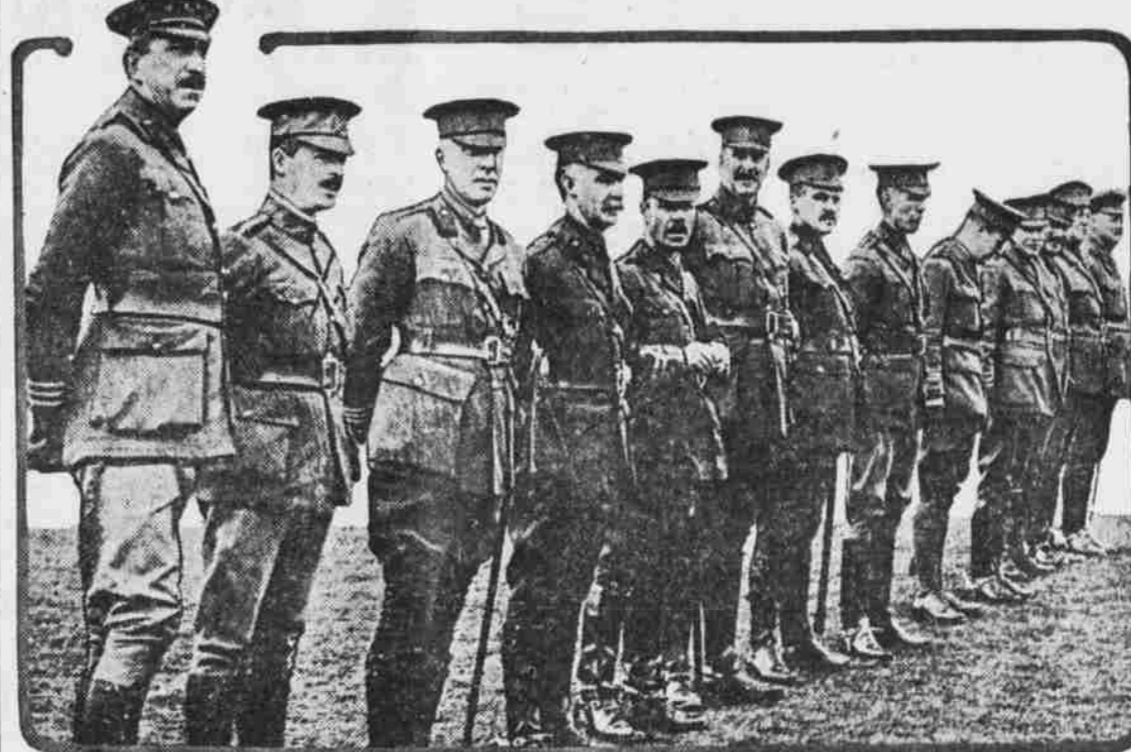
As a result of the almost unprecedented rains this winter and exceedingly damp days, London is hard hit by a severe form of influenza. Many persons are suffering from rheumatism, stiff neck and head colds.

BUSY SCENE IN PANAMA CANAL LOCKS



Steamship Kroonland (right) and the Great Northern (left) passing through the Pedro Miguel locks of the Panama canal, loaded to the rails with American tourists. Some members of the Tenth Infantry, on duty in the canal zone, are shown in the picture.

STAFF OFFICERS OF CANADIAN TROOPS



Officers of the divisional staff of the Canadian expeditionary force, now supposed to be in France. Left to right: Lieut. Col. A. H. McDonnell, D. S. O.; Lieut. Col. G. C. Gordon-Hall; Lieut. Col. H. Mitchell, Lieut. Col. J. Lamb, Maj. G. Hamilton, Lieut. Col. Foster, Capt. E. Gagnon, Capt. E. Clifford, Major Wodehouse, Lieut. Col. B. Worthington, Lieut. Col. E. B. Clegg, Lieut. Col. Frank Reid and Lieut. Col. J. G. Rattray.

MANUEL EARNSHAW



Mr. Earnshaw, Philippine delegate to the United States, has been in Washington for some time in the interests of the movement to make the islands independent.

Strict Neutrality of Brother Wack.

"It's plumb nootral 'bout de war, and abominably affuses to 'scuss it wid nobody!" declared Brother Wack. "Wey, tudder day I says to muh wife—good lookin' yallah lady dat powdahs her face 'twell she 'magines she's 'most white—I says, 'Blame' if I don't b'lieve dem Frenchmen is gwine to win, uh-kase dey's got de Turcusees fum Africa wid 'em. Dem niggers is sho' 'nuff fighters, and I's kindah prejudy to 'a'ds 'em."

"'Hoh!' says she. 'Dem black ape! I thinks de Germans will win, and I certinly admahs dem big po'tly gen'lemen dat looks so much like bishops. I sho'ly thinks a whole lot of a bishop!'"

"Uh—well, I'm skimpy, muhsef, and as black as a load o' coal, but I was plumb nootral 'bout it, all de same. I deess says, 'Yass'm, I been nodicin' dat fact for sometime!' and roched out and slapped her flat."—Kansas City Star.

HERR KRUPP VON BOHLEN UND HALBACH



A new picture of Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, chief owner of the Krupp gun works at Essen, in military costume, who, it is reported, has been decorated by the kaiser, together with his wife who was formerly Bertha Krupp.

Barbed Wire Workers in War.
The men who spend their nights working on the barb wire entanglements in front of the trenches have one of the most perilous tasks of the war. One of them, a member of the British Royal Engineers, writes:

"In a trench one has a sense of security in being below ground level, and there is collective courage due to the knowledge that one has companions. In putting up barb wire one is working perhaps 300 feet in front of one's own trenches, and fortunate, indeed, is the working party if the enemy's snipers do not hear the sound of the muffled mallets driving the posts into the ground and upon fire now and then a magnesium flare will be sent up to light the landscape for the benefit of sharpshooters. Then the worker has to throw himself flat on the ground and look as much like a weed as possible."

Professional Tip.

"I say, doctor," queried the shor, skate who was looking for a little free advice, "what would you advise a man to do for dyspepsia?"
"Well," answered the pill cos. pounder, "if he wants a real bad case, I'd advise him to hire a cheap cook and eat irregularly."

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

March 15—Railway rate cases, Oklahoma City.
March 15-19—State Dental Society, Oklahoma City.
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Apr. 19-21 state trap shoot, McAlester.
April 26-30, Southern Commercial Congress, Muskogee.
May 15—intercollegiate track meet, Oklahoma City.
May 21-24—State Firemen's meeting, Sapulpa.
Sept. 25-Oct. 2—State Fair, Oklahoma City.

An auto race meet will be held in Oklahoma City in April.

A Paden citizen was drowned in a tank of oil which he was covering.

Joe Clayton and Harry Jones, two Tulsa youths, are in jail at Valley Center Kan., charged with burglary.

The United States Bureau of Education announces that Oklahoma leads the states of the Union in having the lowest percent in illiteracy.

One hundred and fifty merchants and business men of Drumright met at the First Methodist church and completed the organization of a commercial club.

While trying to prevent her husband's team from running away, Mrs. W. W. Rutherford was almost instantly killed at Carnegie, by the animals knocking her down and tramping upon her.

Kelly Roach of Oklahoma City, well known banker, has secured a charter for the First State bank of Oilton and will be ready for business in the near future. The building for the bank is practically completed.

Ernest Standerfer, charged with killing his father-in-law, Charles Walker, fourteen miles north of Hobart and then burning the house, was bound over without bail at the preliminary hearing, held at Cordell.

Only six votes were cast against the franchise granted by Bristow to the Bristow Electric Company. One hundred and fifty-six votes were cast for the franchise which runs for a period of twenty-five years.

Two deputy sheriffs have been assigned to Oilton oil field by the sheriff of Creek county at the request of Oilton officials and a jail is being erected. Prisoners will be worked on the city streets, which are to be oiled.

After forty years' continuous service for the government in the Indian department, John H. Seger has resigned his position at Colony as Indian farmer and will retire to private life. Mr. Seger has probably been in the Indian service longer than any other man now residing in Oklahoma, and has been a great source of influence and help among the Indians of western Oklahoma.

Governor R. L. Williams has signed the house bill appropriating \$10,000 for use by the board of agriculture in event the hoof and mouth disease should break out in Oklahoma. This bill provides merely for paying farmers who suffer from ravages on their stock. Another measure, appropriating a fund with which to fight the disease, has not been finally passed by the legislature.

Action to settle the question of title to the two tracts of land upon which the buildings of the state penitentiary are located, and the other adjoining, has been instituted in the district court at McAlester. The action is brought by James Brazill, who claims the title to the land, and seeks to dispossess the state and also asks \$6,000 damages for the six years the state has occupied the land.

Claude Weaver, present congressman from Oklahoma, was appointed postmaster of Oklahoma City by President Wilson to succeed H. G. Eastman, resigned. Weaver will probably take office soon after March 4, when his term as congressman expires. Other Oklahoma postmasters named last week were as follows: Tecumseh, M. M. Henderson, editor Tecumseh County Democrat; Wagoner, H. E. Thompson; Wapanucka, Lula A. Ball.

Walter Gilbert, secretary to the state highway commission, is preparing a series of maps showing routes in different directions from Oklahoma City to various parts of the state. Each route in each direction is clearly outlined, and the map will show the tourist just how to go and where he is going. The route reaches the Kansas line, one to the Red river, another through the oil fields and another through the western part of the state, with Oklahoma City as the hub. General information as to touring lines to the north, south, east and west are given. This includes the interstate lines.

Henry M. Collins, an Oklahoma City automobile man, has just been advised that he is the sole heir to a \$1,500,000 estate which was bequeathed to him by his uncle, Orville Ezra Collins, who died nine months ago in Edmonton, Canada, and whom he had never seen.

At a recent meeting of the city council of Ponca City that body voted to pay off \$8,000 in municipal bonds. Of the amount to be paid about \$3,000 will be paid from the profits of the water and light department, which is earning a monthly profit of \$700 to \$800.